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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**CASE 5-3-15**

**TITLE** Improved Coefficient Computation in Image Compression  
Using Set Partitioning in Hierarchical Trees

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